

Washington Tiger PTO, Inc. **Minutes**

Monday, February 9th, 2026

5:15pm – Washington School Library

1. Call to Order **@ 5:17 PM**
2. Welcome
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - a. **October Minutes – approved.**
  - b. **December Minutes – playground supplies, spent \$350 not \$600.**  
**Approved.**
4. Report of the Officers
  - a. President
    - i. Popcorn Friday needs
      1. **April – sponsor and 1 volunteer**
      2. **May – need 1 volunteer**
    - ii. Restaurant fundraisers update
      1. **Culvers - \$739.70**
      2. **Rocky's - \$435.00. They said it had never been that busy! They comp'd some \$\$ because they were unable to take some orders.**
      3. **Dunkin' and Baskin Robins coming up Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>. 5-8pm. This is more of an event, games, etc. We'll see how this goes, since it's more of a breakfast thing? Don't need any staffing/volunteers. 10% of sales come back to PTO.**
  - b. Vice President – unable to attend, sharing some info she gave the other officers.
    - i. **Volunteers for teacher appreciation week: 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Usually been a group of like 4 parents who try and do things each day, like coffee and donuts, Gift card raffle, etc.**
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. **Treasurer report**
      1. **Restaurant Fundraising goal is \$2500; we're already at \$2400 or so; so that's great.**
      2. **Popcorn income – still needing one more sponsor... Mrs Burger volunteers! No more sponsors needed!**
    - ii. **Raising for Risers**
      1. **Just over \$4200 raised so far.**
      2. **Submitted application to community foundation to support the campaign. Should hear back end of the month. Even if they don't fund it, should get our project out on a mailing list.**

3. Would like to “re-invigorate” the group asking local businesses. We’ve hit school community plenty, especially with Race for Education coming up, so trying to split our fundraising efforts, make sure we’re not double dipping.
4. Brief discussion around total: does the PTO want to totally cover the remaining balance from our reserve funds at the end of the year? IE, keep fundraising through the year, but then cover what’s needed to make the purchase at the end of the year.
  - a. Spring concert K-2, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Touch base with Alli before concert to make sure right sponsors are on the program.
    - ii. Invite sponsors/grandparents/community to the concert.
  - iii. Other expense items:
    1. Classroom supply grants: up to \$700 out of \$3000
    2. Still lots of bussing/fieldtrips left, but lots of fieldtrips planned this Spring.
    3. Grade level supply grants: \$600 so far, a few more in progress.
- d. Secretary
  - i. Lots of website updates happening
  - ii. What do we need to add/put on the 2026 Race for Education page?
    1. Rain date
    2. What does money go for
    3. Once the 99 pledges is up, the link for that and how to use
  - iii. Should make the link to the Race for Education its own thin banner across top of the site.
- e. Principal
  - i. Character trait: Honesty. They have a heart tree with honesty notes/stories
  - ii. Academics: finished winter academic screener; forward testing/spring testing will be coming.
  - iii. Conferences this month
  - iv. Family engagement night in March; celebrate all the learning and achievements of the students so far.

5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Conference meal for staff

- i. Going to order from the same restaurant we did in the fall – we've only had good feedback about it. Meal will be for evening conferences instead of the day of conferences.
- ii. Signup genius for drinks and snacks is open.
- iii. Coming next Thursday. Chris place order, Tiff will pick it up. Needs to be at school at 4; 3:30 pickup.
- iv. Crockpots for the meat? Probably not, because we shifted to the dinner/evening.

## 6. New Business

### a. Budget requests for 2026-27

- i. Budget last year (for this year) was only created/approved by officers in June. We would like to present a proposed budget at the last PTO meeting in May, so we're asking for feedback/ideas now, especially from teachers.
  - 1. Could PTO just pay for whole field trips?
  - 2. Let's survey each grade level, what did they spend on field trips this year?
- ii. Clarify: even this year; classroom grants can be rolled into whatever the teachers want, so it can be doubled into field trips, etc. Grade level grants same thing.

### b. Mada spring order

- i. If there's any items you're looking for, what do you want? They have tons of different items; they suggest around 15 items.
- ii. Planned for April.
- iii. Principal can ask staff next week.

## 7. Committee check in

### i. Family Events

- 1. Tom Pease
  - a. Thursday before spring break. 3/12.
  - b. 2:30pm and 5:00pm. 45 min show.
  - c. Will make flyer; don't include daytime show as that's school/kids only.
  - d. He needs a table; otherwise he brings whatever he needs.
  - e. Need to drop check off at front desk to pay him day of.
  - f. Do we need food? Probably not.
  - g. Do we need volunteers? Probably not.
  - h. Chairs? We have some chairs at Washington.
    - i. RSVP would be helpful; know by tues March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ii. Race for Education

1. Committee had a meeting a few weeks ago, next meeting tomorrow. Currently ahead of schedule!
2. Shirt design competition.
3. Mayor agreed to be a guest speaker! It's on his calendar.
4. Fundraising goal: currently \$15k for donations, \$4k for shirt donations.

- iii. Fundraising
  1. Again, we have two fundraisers running for two things concurrently, so we just need to make sure we keep those things separate.

8. Announcements
  - a. Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15pm.
9. Adjournment @ 6:12pm